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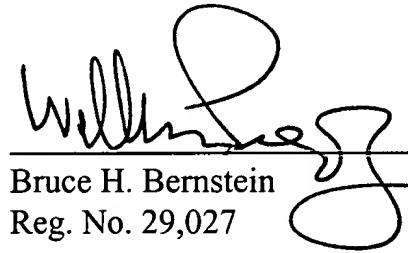
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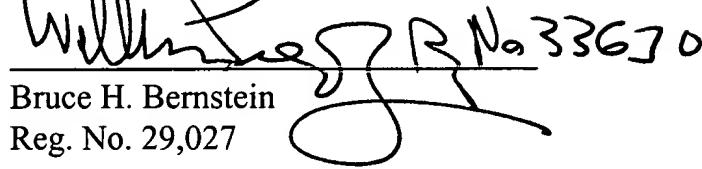
Applicant incorrectly listed Japanese Patent No. HEI-8-154811 on the PTO-1449 Form filed on March 17, 2000, with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, a copy of the correct Japanese patent, Japanese Laid-open Patent HEI-9-154811, was submitted and listed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to correct the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form, to initial the same and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next Official Communication in the present application to confirm consideration of the proper document.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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